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March is Flood Insurance Month

Each year in Oklahoma, thousands of citizens who experience flood damage lack the protection afforded through readily available flood insurance. To enhance awareness of the availability of federal flood insurance, as well as inform Oklahomans about intelligent floodplain management, Governor Brad Henry has designated March as "Flood Insurance Month."

Historically, most of Oklahoma's flooding disasters have occurred during the spring, so emergency management officials advise that now is the time for citizens who reside in designated floodplains to purchase flood insurance.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.owrb.state.ok.us/>

BA Firefighters Go Back to School

Students at several Broken Arrow elementary schools are making new friends from the Broken Arrow Fire Department thanks to a new reading and safety program.

Broken Arrow firefighters have been visiting schools to read to students and show them some tools of the trade, including one of the BAFD fire engines.

Broken Arrow Fire Department Deputy Chief James Suddath coordinated the program with school media specialists in both Broken Arrow and Union Public Schools.

Leisure Park was among many BAPS schools that participated in the program. Firefighters say they look forward to expanding this program and continuing this great partnership.

BAPD Traffic Unit Sets National Example

Sgt. Ed Ferguson of the BAPD has been selected to be a guest speaker at the upcoming *Lifesavers Conference* in Chicago.

Ferguson will speak at the seminar titled "Officer Scene and Safety Issues: More than Watching Your Back." He will present information about BAPD's Traffic Incident Management program, highlighting the successful techniques used here in Broken Arrow.

Ferguson was requested to speak by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Washington, D.C.

Special Training for BA Firefighter

Stan Spradlin has been accepted into the National Fire Academy Fire/Arson Investigation course to be offered later this year in Maryland.

This comprehensive course includes an extraordinary 'live burn laboratory' to help better determine fire causes.

Officials with BAFD say they are proud to have representation in these important courses which will help provide a higher level of service to citizens.